LAKE BLUFF PUBLIC LIBRARY

WINTER 2022-2023

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## Winter Reading Club 2022-2023

Illinois winters are tough, but it's always a winter-ful life at the Lake Bluff Library! Starting in December, readers of all ages can sign up for Winter Wonderland, the 2022-2023 Winter Reading Club.

## What You Need to Know

- **We bring the log to you...**
  Like previous reading clubs, we've included a tear out reading log in this issue. You can also print out additional copies from **lakeblufflibrary.org/wrc.**
- **...or you can track your reading on Beanstack.**
  If you prefer digital, you can also sign up for Beanstack at **beanstack.com** (or download the app) and track your progress there.
- **Complete up to 25 tickets.**
  Start with a goal of 5 tickets to get a snowman soup prize. Then, you can keep reading to earn raffle tickets for up to 25 chances to win the grand prize.
- **Any kind of reading counts—and attending programs, too!**
  All reading counts: whether it's a print book, an eBook, an audiobook, or even reading a book to someone else. You can also count attendance at Library programs toward your Winter Reading Club goal (and you can even earn a bonus ticket by attending our Mini Golf program!)

# Winter Wonderland

## Winter Reading Club

Fill out a ticket and return it to the desk at the Library.

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Age (circle one): Adult Teen Child
Circle one:
I read a book (by myself or with someone else)
I attended a library program
Write the name of the book/program:
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# News & Community



### New Library Director

The Lake Bluff Public Library Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Renee Grassi as the next Director of the Lake Bluff Public Library. Ms. Grassi will be joining us in early January of 2023 from the Dakota County Library where she oversees the Youth Services Department of nine library locations serving the greater Minneapolis-St. Paul area in Minnesota. Named a *Library Journal* Mover and Shaker in 2012 for her work developing disability-friendly children's programs at Deerfield Public Library, Ms. Grassi is an internationally recognized and award-winning leader in accessible library services for all ages. We are excited to welcome Renee to the Lake Bluff community!

### Stroh Room Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly remodeled Carole S. and Alfred Stroh Reading Room. The Stroh Reading Room was made possible by a generous donation from long-time Board member and Library advocate Carole "Cal" Stroh. Funds for the Stroh Room fireplace were donated by the Friends of the Lake Bluff Library. A date for the ceremony will be announced later this winter.

### Board Vacancies

Are you a civic-minded library enthusiast with a knack for creative problem solving? The Lake Bluff Public Library Board is looking for people like you! Trustee positions will be up for election this April. People who are interested in running for Library Board are encouraged to visit Vote Lake Bluff (**votelakebluff.org**) for more information or contact the Library Director. Nominating papers must be submitted to the local election office by 12/19.

### Head's up: Library closure on 12/3

Please note that the Library will only be open for our Mini Golf event on Saturday, 12/3 and **closed** to all other business for the day. Normal hours will resume the following day on Sunday, 12/4. For more information about Mini Golf, see **page 3**.

## STORYWALK

**12/1 – 12/31**

The Lake Bluff Public Library, Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Chamber of Commerce, and the Village of Lake Bluff are pleased to partner again to bring you a winter StoryWalk® in downtown Lake Bluff, sponsored by the Friends of the Lake Bluff Library. This year's StoryWalk® selection will be *Winter Dance* by Marion Dane Bauer. StoryWalk® is a fun way for the whole family to take a stroll through downtown Lake Bluff and enjoy a story at the same time. For more information about participating businesses and how to enter our raffle for a signed copy of the book, hot cocoa, and a plushie Jellycat Cordy Roy Fox, visit **lakeblufflibrary.org/storywalk.**




**Instagram Live Walk-Through**
**12/2 at 11am** V

**Interview with Marion Dane Bauer**
**12/8 at 10:30am** R V

**Special Thanks to Participating Businesses:**

Bluffington's Café
The Community Church of Lake Forest & Lake Bluff
Flotstone Flotation Therapy
Inovasi
Lake Bluff Hub & Cycle
Lake Forest Bookstore
Lawrence Interiors
Prairie Espresso & Wine Bar
The Otherdoor
RD Jewelry Studio
Salon on the Bluff
Soledad Zitzewitz Interiors, Inc.
Twigs

# Winter Wonderland

## Mini Golf at the Library
## Saturday, 12/3 from 11am-4pm

Mini golf at the Library? We've done it before, and we're doing it again! Thanks to a generous donation from the Friends of the Library, you can putt your way through a 9-hole Winter Wonderland inspired mini golf course at the Library as part of the "It's a Wonderful Life in Lake Bluff" event on December 3. Cap off your mini golf game with a free cup of hot cocoa provided by the Friends of the Library and learn a little more about what this wonderful organization does to support our mission.

**Please note:** the Library will be **closed** to other business on December 3 in order to accommodate the mini golf event, so plan accordingly.



# Adult Programs

**Winter Wonderland Mini Golf at the Library**
**12/3 from 11am – 4pm | All Ages**
See page 3 for details.

**My Childhood Christmas**
**12/6 at 6pm | All Ages** R
Reminisce about your favorite childhood Christmas songs in this musical evening with Heather Braoudrakis, who will discuss and perform hits such as "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus," "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas," and every Santa song you've ever sung!

**Knitwits | 12/8, 1/12, and 2/9 at 7pm**
Join us for Knitwits, a group for knitters. We'll meet on the second Thursday of each month to knit, chat, learn new techniques, and problem solve. Bring your knitting and your questions!

**Puzzle Swap**
**12/11, 1/8, and 2/12 from 1pm - 4:30pm**
**All Ages**
Stop by the Library and swap an old puzzle for a new one. All level difficulty of puzzles are welcome. Note: This is a take-one-leave-one swap and no donations of puzzles will be accepted outside of the listed sessions.

**Adult Crafternoon** R
**12/14 at 4pm – Wine Glass Painting**
**1/11 at 4pm – Spa Crafts**
**2/8 at 4pm – Ribbon Flowers**
Join us for a fun crafternoon at the Library!

**A Novelist's Christmas Carol: The Life of Charles Dickens | 12/15 at 7pm** R H
Historical presenter Michelle Gibbons will discuss the life of Charles Dickens and his great influence on Victorian age writing and on the tradition of holiday spirit. Gibbons will discuss Dickens' role as a writer, his background, life, and his many famous works.

**Afternoon Book Club** R
**12/20 at 2:30pm – *Women Rowing North* by Mary Pipher**
**1/17 at 2:30pm – *The Cartographers* by Peng Shepherd**
**2/21 at 2:30pm - *Love and Fury: A Novel of Mary Wollstonecraft* by Samantha Silva**
Join Carol for an insightful book discussion.

**Trivia Night @ LB Brewing Co.**
**1/9 and 2/13 at 7pm** R
Register your team of up to 6 people for a night of Trivia at LB Brewing Co. Registration opens one week before the event at 7pm.

**Overflow Trivia Nights @ LB Brewing Co.**
**1/11 and 2/15 at 7pm** R
Due to the popularity of our regular Monday Trivia Night, we will be offering a second overflow night on Wednesdays so more teams can participate! Registration for the overflow night opens at the same time as the main Monday event. Overflow nights will feature the same questions as that month's Monday event. A minimum of 5 teams must register for an overflow night for the event to go forward.

**Open Art Night**
**1/10 and 2/7 at 7pm | Adults and Teens**
Meet other artists in the community while you relax and create at this open session. Bring your current project to work on or see what you can make with the supplies provided.





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**Tea Social Group:**
**Matcha Demonstration and Tasting**
**1/19 at 7pm** R
Come enjoy tea and treats at the Library while making new friends and learning more about the wonderful world of tea! In January, you will learn how to prepare matcha and enjoy some samples of this delicious drink.

**Celebrating the Lunar New Year**
**1/24 at 7pm** R V
The Lunar New Year season lasts from January 21 to February 5, 2023. It is a holiday observed by 20% of the world's population, yet many are unfamiliar with how it is celebrated. Educator Yvonne Wolf will tell us about the Chinese calendar in relation to the Lunar New Year, the rites, activities, symbols, and foods associated with it and how you can participate in your own home. Whether it is your first time celebrating this cross-cultural festival or part of your annual routine, join us as we prepare for the Year of the Hare.

**Lotus Flower Lantern Craft: Art for All Ages**
**1/25 at 4pm | Ages 8+** R
The members of the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project will show you how to make a lovely lotus flower lantern using colored paper and wire frames. Material kits will be provided.

**Craft Supply Swap**
**Drop Off: 1/31 - 2/2**
**Swap Event: 2/4 from 10am-2pm**
**All Ages**
Our annual craft supply swap is back! Drop off your unused craft supplies in the Spruth Room at the Library during normal operating hours on Tuesday, 1/31 through Thursday, 2/2. Then, come back on Saturday, 2/4 to choose some free supplies to take home!

**The Negro Motorist Green Book**
**2/16 at 7pm** R V
This presentation highlights the history of *The Green Book*, the annual guide created in 1936 by Harlem postman Victor Green, which provided African American travelers with information on restaurants, gas stations, department stores and other businesses that welcomed Black travelers during the Jim Crow era.

**Cookies in a Jar: Art for All Ages**
**2/22 at 4pm | Ages 8+** R
Create cookie mix in a jar to give to someone special, or to bake for yourself at home.

**A Night at the Oscars: Best Picture Spotlight**
**2/23 at 7pm** R V
It's time to get red carpet ready and delve into the history of the Best Picture category! Join Film Historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she presents the evolution of the Best Picture category, memorable Best Picture contenders, and this year's nominees. The program will include a multimedia presentation consisting of photos, video clips, and captivating stories.





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# Teen Programs

## Tween & Teen Crafts

**12/8, 1/5, and 2/2 at 4pm**
**Ages 9 - 18** R

Put your own unique spin on these fun projects. All materials provided, just bring your creativity!

**December:** Glass Painting
**January:** Spa Crafts
**February:** Wood Landscape

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# Children's Programs

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**Lego Club**
**12/14, 1/11, and 2/8 at 4pm**
**Ages 5 - 12**
Come and build the LEGO creation of your dreams! Participate in a different challenge every month, or free build. Children under the age of 6 must be accompanied by an adult

**Kids' Knitting Club**
**12/15, 1/19, and 2/16 at 4pm**
**Ages 8 - 12**
Are you a beginning or intermediate knitter? Join Eliza on the third Thursday of each month to knit, chat, learn new techniques, show off your work, and problem solve. Bring your knitting and your questions!

**Mystery Reader**
**12/17, 1/7, 1/21, 2/4, and 2/18 at 10:30am**
**Ages 3 - 6**
Join us on select Saturdays each month for stories and activities led by a different Mystery Reader.

**Gingerbread House Decorating**
**12/21 from 2pm - 3pm**
**Ages 5 - 10** R
Join us and make your own graham cracker gingerbread house.

**Storytime: All by Myself**
**Tuesdays, 1/10 - 2/14 at 4pm**
**Ages 3+** R
This storytime is for children who are ready to be on their own for stories, songs, and crafts.

**Storytime: Together Time**
**Thursdays, 1/12 - 2/16 at 10:30am**
**Ages 2+ with an adult** R
Kids and their adults can join us on the big green rug for stories, songs, and crafts.

**Drive-In Movie**
**1/14 at 11am**
**Ages 3 - 6 with an adult** R
Head on over to the Library to create your very own vehicle out of cardboard boxes and decorations. After your car is complete, take it to the Library's drive-in movie theater and enjoy a short movie.

**Chess Club**
**1/14, 2/11 at 1:00pm**
**Ages 6 - 12** R
Whether you are new to chess, or seeking to hone your techniques, Mark Hamilton will provide chess guidance to help you improve your game.

**Sensory Storytime**
**1/15 at 2pm**
**Ages 3+ with an adult** R
Join us for an inclusive and interactive storytime featuring sensory play, music, and lots of fun! In an effort to respect different sensory sensitivities, space will be limited; however, drop-ins will be accommodated if the session is not full.

**Stuffed Animal Sleepover** R
**Drop Off: 1/27 from 3pm - 5pm**
**Pick Up: 1/28 from 10am - 12pm**
Children can drop off one library-loving stuffed animal for a night of fun! The stuffed animals will enjoy a movie, treats, crafts, and of course, a bedtime story—and be sure to follow us on Instagram (**@lakebluffpubliclibrary**) for live updates.

## THE PHYLLIS FOX MEMORIAL WRITING & BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST
**February 15 - April 1**

**WRITING CONTEST:** Children in grades 1 - 8 can submit a short story or poem on any subject they wish. 1st place winners will receive a copy of the *2023 Phyllis Fox Contest Winners Book*.

**BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST:** Children in grades K - 8 can design a bookmark. 1st place winners will receive 50 professionally printed copies of their bookmark. Submit your entries to **childrensdept@lakeblufflibrary.org** or at **lakeblufflibrary.org/writing-contest**

**Winners for both contests will be announced April 15.**



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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 12/13 at 7:00pm
Tuesday, 1/17 at 7:00pm
Tuesday, 2/21 at 7:00pm

# LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Foundation is a non-profit organization that raises funds to support capital improvement projects at the Library. Learn more at lakeblufflibrary.org/foundation.

# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends are a non-profit organization that raises funds to support the Library. New members are always welcome.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Saturday, 1/21

### STATEMENT ON PROGRAMMING

All Library programs are free of charge and open to everyone. You do not need a Library card to attend a program. Library programs are presented to offer differing viewpoints, and are not intended as endorsement by the library of views expressed by, or actions suggested by, individual speakers or groups.

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